

## Message Text

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R 101050Z MAY 78  
FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8253  
INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD  
AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI  
AMEMBASSY ANKARA  
AMEMBASSY KABUL  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, AF, PK, UR, CENTO  
SUBJ: SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN

REF: TEHRAN 04356

1. BRITISH AMBASSADOR WAS ALSO CALLED TO FONOFF MAY 8 BY  
KHALATBARY FOR DISCUSSION ON SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN.  
KAHLATBARY'S PRESENTATION, WHICH HE MADE FROM PREPARED NOTES,  
WAS VERY SIMILAR TO THAT MADE TO US (REFTEL).

2. AT RECEPTION MAY 9, MINISTER COUNSELOR, WHO HAS KNOWN  
SHAHI FOR OVER 20 YEARS, WAS DRAWN ASAIDE BY HIM FOR PRIVATE  
LECTURE IN WHICH HE WOVE THEMES PRESENTED TO AMBASSADOR BY  
KHALATBARY. SHAHI NOTED THAT THE "GREAT GAME" HAD NOW  
CONCLUDED AFTER A CENTURY OF COMPETITION. THE RUSSIAN BOOT  
WAS IN KABUL. PAKISTAN CERTAINLY IS NOT IN POSITION TO  
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PROVIDE THE HISTORICAL COUNTERPOISE TO RUSSIAN POWER.  
ONLY ANOTHER GREAT POWER COULD DO THIS. BUT, HE SAID  
WITH A SAD SHAKE OF HIS HEAD, THE U.S. APPEARS TO BE IN  
A MOOD OF WITHDRAWAL--STILL CONDITIONED BY THE  
VIETNAM AND WATERGATE EXPERIENCES. HE REFERRED WITH  
SOME IRRITATION TO A WASHINGTON POST EDITORIAL WHICH SAID  
THE NEW SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN WAS A PROBLEM FOR THE

REGIONAL STATES, THUS ABSOLVING THE U.S. FROM ANY RESPONSIBILITY. HOWEVER, HE CONTINUED, PAKISTAN MUST LOOK OUT FOR ITS OWN INTERESTS AND, IF THE BALANCE OF POWER HAS SHIFTED, MAKE THE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS IN ITS POLICIES. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE REGIONAL STATES HAD, HE CONCLUDED, WATCHED EVENTS IN THE HORN OF AFRICA WITH GREAT INTEREST.

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